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SUBJECT: TALKING POINTS USED IN CONVERSATION WITH ADMIRAL POVEDA

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1. FOLLOWING ARE THE TALKING POINTS I USED IN MY CONVERSATION WITH ADMIRAL POVEDA ON AUGUST 21 REPORTED IN REF B. THE SPANISH VERSION OF THESE POINTS, A COPY OF WHICH I LEFT WITH THE ADMIRAL, IS BEING POUCHED TO ARA/LA-EP.

2. "I FORWARDED TO WASHINGTON THE POINTS WHICH WE DISCUSSED ON JUNE 27 WITH REFERENCE TO YOUR HOPES AND ASPIRATIONS FOR THE ECUADOREAN NAVY. I HAVE NOW RECEIVED A REPLY WHICH I AM PLEASED TO CONVEY TO YOU ON BEHALF OF MY GOVERNMENT.

3. THE USG IS READY TO ASSIST THE ARMED FORCES OF ECUADOR WITH BOTH TRAINING AND MILITARY SALES. PRESIDENT FORD'S LIFTING FMS SANCTIONS ON JUNE 30 OF THIS YEAR, DESPITE ADVERSE REACTIONS RISKED BY THAT DECISION, IS AN EARNEST OF OUR INTENTIONS IN THIS REGARD.

4. THE USG IS PROVIDING TRAINING FOR VARIOUS LEVELS OF THE ECUADOREAN NAVY. WE ARE PLEASED THAT THE ECUADOREAN

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NAVY DESIRES SUCH TRAINING.

5. THE USN IS PREAPRED TO PROVIDE FOR DIRECT REQUISITIONING BY THE EN FROM THE U.S. NAVY SUPPLY SYSTEM FOR SHIP-RELATED SPARE AND REPAIR PARTS. THIS WILL ENABLE THE EN TO OBTAIN SUCH ITEMS UNDER FMS PROCEDURES DIRECTLY FROM THE USN SUPPLY SYSTEM.

6. THE USN WOULD WELCOME AN OPPORTUNITY TO DISCUSS THE FOLLOWING WITH EN REPRESENTATIVES:

-- CONSTRUCTION OF A NAVAL BASE;

-- EQUIPMENT AND TRAINING OF A 1,000 TO 1,500 MAN MARINE INFANTRY GROUP;

-- THE DEVELOPMENT OF ECUADOREAN NAVAL AIR CAPABILITIES;

-- THE ESTABLISHMENT OF AN EN MISSION IN THE US.

7. IN VIEW OF THE RANGE OF EXPERTISE REQUIRED TO DISCUSS EACH OF THESE ACTIVITIES, WE BELIEVE IT WOULD BE USEFUL TO ECUADOR AND THE US FOR A DELEGATION OF EN OFFICERS TO VISIT THE US FOR PRELIMINARY DISCUSSIONS. FOLLOWING SUCH DISCUSSIONS, THE USN IS PREPARED TO CONSIDER SENDING A USN SURVEY TEAM TO ECUADOR.

8. WITH RESPECT TO SHIPS, AS I EXPLAINED WHEN WE TALKED IN JUNE, GIVEN OUR WELL KNOWN DIFFERENCES OVER FISHERIES. AND LOS MATTERS AND CONGRESSIONAL AND PUBLIC REACTIONS TO DEVELOPMENTS IN JANUARY AND FEBRUARY OF THIS YEAR, WE ARE LIMITED TO WHAT WE CAN PROVIDE TO THE ECUADOREAN NAVY. LEGISLATION REQUIRES CONGRESSIONAL REVIEW OF DECISIONS TO GIVE TO A FOREIGN COUNTRY ANY USN VESSEL LESS THAN 20 YEARS OLD OR OVER 2,000 T. IN ADDITION, SPECIFIC LEGISLATION WAS INTRODUCED INTO THE CONGRESS TO PROHIBIT TRANSFER OF THE LST SUTTER COUNTY TO ECUADOR. CONSEQUENTLY, THESE CIRCUMSTANCES PREVENT US NOW FROM SUPPLYING TO THE EN THE VESSELS IT WANTS.

9. FINALLY, THE POSSIBILITY OF A VISIT BY YOU TO WASHINGTON
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IS PRESENTLY UNDER CONSIDERATION. I EXPECT TO BE INFORMED ABOUT THAT IN THE NEAR FUTURE."
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